

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An aseptic package enclosing ~~an~~ a medicated intravaginal ring, the package having an exterior side and an interior side and comprising a laminate and a reclosable strip for reclosing the package after opening, the laminate ~~comprising~~ consisting of from the interior side to the exterior side a layer of sealable material, a barrier layer and a damage protective layer, and the reclosable strip comprising a strip of polymeric material, and wherein the package prevents the active substances present in the ring from leaking to the environment.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The package according to claim 1, wherein the sealable material is a heat-sealable polymer.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The package according to claim 1, wherein the barrier layer is a metal foil.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The package according to claim 2, wherein the heat-sealable polymer is polyethylene, the barrier layer is aluminum foil, and the damage protective layer is a polyester film.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method for the aseptic packaging of ~~an~~ a medicated intravaginal ring comprising placing the ring into a sachet ~~comprising~~ consisting of a polyethylene-aluminum foil laminate and a polyester outer layer and further ~~comprising~~ consisting of a plastic rib-

and-groove reclosing means thereby preventing the active substances present in the intravaginal ring from leaking to the environment.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The package according to claim 1, ~~comprising~~ consisting of a low density polyethylene inner layer of 35-45  $\mu\text{m}$ , an aluminum foil barrier layer of 8-10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a polyethylene terephthalate (PET) PET protective outer layer of 10-14  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 7 (previously presented): The package according to claim 1, wherein the reclosable strip comprises a rib-and-groove reclosing means.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The package of claim 1, wherein the package further prevents influence of the environment on the ring.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method of claim 5, whereby influence of the environment on the ring is also prevented.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method to prevent the active substances present in a medicated intravaginal ring from leaking to ~~avoid influence from a vaginal ring upon~~ the environment by which comprises packaging the ring into a sachet ~~comprising~~ consisting of a polyethylene-aluminum foil laminate and a polyester outer layer and further ~~comprising~~ consisting of a plastic rib-and-groove reclosing means thereby ~~avoiding influence from~~ preventing the active substances in the intravaginal ring ~~on~~ from leaking to the environment.